തിനുശേഷമല്ലാതെ ഈ തോട് നികത്തുവാൻ പാടില്ലെന്നുള്ളതു് എന്തുകൊണ്ടു ഗവൺമെണ്ടു വിചാരിച്ചില്ല?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I said at the very outset that in case the proposed work will affect adversely the lands concerned then I shall be the last person to do the work and I have absolutely no objection in asking the agriculturists about it, or as my friend Mr. Kutty said, to have a committee to look into this question.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know Sir, whether the Government has been convinced that by allowing the canal to remain as it is, it will affect the public health of the persons and their families who reside there.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The canal is in a very insanitary condition at present.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* In coming to the conclusion that the Government has arrived at, have they taken the level of the backwater and the level of the paddy fields?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* Oh, yes.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to call together and ascertain their views?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* I have no objection to consult the agriculturists.

മിസ്സിസ് തങ്കമ്മ എൻ. മേനോൻ: റയിൽവെ ലയിനിന്റെ പടിഞ്ഞാറുഭാഗത്തുള്ള വെള്ളം വടക്കാലത്തു കിഴക്കുഭാഗത്തേക്കു പോകുവാൻവേണ്ടി റയിൽവെ ലയിനിൽ Proper outlets ചെയ്തുകിട്ടുന്നതിനുവേണ്ടി എസ്. ഐ. ആർ. കാര്യമായി ഗവൺമെണ്ടു് വേണ്ട നടപടികൾ നടത്തണമെന്നു് ഞാൻ ഗവൺമെണ്ടിലേക്കു് എഴുതി അയക്കുകയുണ്ടായി. അതിനെപ്പറ്റി ശ്രദ്ധിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നു് എനിക്കു മറുപടിതരികയും ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The railway embankment in front of this Mullassery thodu has got a long bridge on it. It is between 15 to 20 feet.

മിസ്സസ് തങ്കമ്മ എൻ. മേനോൻ: മുഴുവനും മണ്ണുകൊണ്ടു മൂടിക്കിടക്കുകയാണു്. അതുകൊണ്ടു് ഉപകാരമില്ല. വെള്ളം പോകുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: വെള്ളം ഇല്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണു് പോകാതിരിക്കുന്നതു്.

മിസ്സിസ് തങ്കമ്മ എൻ. മേനോൻ: മണ്ണു മൂടിക്കിടക്കുന്നതുകൊണ്ടാണു് വെള്ളം പോകാത്തതു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഞാൻ അവിടെ പോയി നോക്കീട്ടുണ്ടു്. പക്ഷെ അടുത്തു് പോയിട്ടില്ല. അടുത്തു പോകണമെങ്കിൽ കുറെയൊക്കെ വെള്ളം ചവിട്ടി പോകണം.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഏതു വീടുകളെ രക്ഷിക്കുവാൻവേണ്ടിയാണു് മതിൽ കെട്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നതു്?

മിസ്റ്റർ വി. കെ. അരവിന്ദാക്ഷമേനോൻ: ഇതു് അത്ര പ്രധാനമായ ഒരു കാര്യമല്ല. ആ സ്ഥലം ഒന്നാമതു് നിരുപയോഗമായിട്ടാണു കിടക്കുന്നതു്. അവിടത്തെ ഹെൽത്തും അങ്ങിനെതന്നെയാണു്.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to consider the possibility and advisability of converting the canal into a drain like the Palathodu canal. You should convert the canal into a drain just as is done on the north of the Banerjee road.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* That is the idea here, to convert it into a smaller drain with masonry slabs.

COASTAL GUARDS AND THE RATE OF ALLOWANCES—PARTICULARS OF

49. **Mr. M. L. Joseph** *(Latin-Christians-Cranganur):* Will Government be pleased to state,—

(*a*) the number of Coastal Guards enrolled in the State and the rate of allowance granted to them;

(*b*) if the Coastal Guards have all been supplied with uniforms;

(*c*) if not, why not?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) The number cannot be given; it is confidential. Those who ask for it are given an allowance of Rs. 5 per head per month.

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(*b*) Uniforms have been supplied to almost all and the others are being supplied.
(*c*) Does not arise.

SACRAMENTAL WINE—GALLONAGE FEES—PARTICULARS OF

50. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—
(*a*) whether Government charge gallonage fees on the sacramental wine produced in Cochin State;
(*b*) if so, from whom all;
(*c*) the total amount of gallonage fees collected from each within the last 3 years;
(*d*) how many of these church dignitaries or institutions do not sell the wine to any person other than their parish churches;
(*e*) how many of these dignitaries give the Altar wine free to the subordinate parishes;
(*f*) is there any difference in the matter of gallonage fees between the institutions and dignitaries referred to in (*d*) and (*e*);
(*g*) the percentage of alcohol in each of the different varieties of Altar wine produced in the State?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*:
(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) From all the ecclesiastical dignitaries who are licensed to manufacture Mass wine in the State.
(*c*) Rs. 73—14—0 in 1115,
Rs. 258—9—0 in 1116 and
Rs. 773—7—11 in 1117.
(*d*) According to the rules none of the licensed local manufacturers can sell Mass wine to anybody.
(*e*) The rules do not allow any sale of such wine by the licensed ecclesiastics. It can only be issued for use for bona fide religious purposes to the churches or other religious institutions under the spiritual jurisdiction of the ecclesiastical dignitaries who are licensed to manufacture Mass wine in the State. Such issues can therefore be free issues only.
(*f*) There is no difference at all. Please see also answer to sub-division (*d*) above.
(*g*) This has not been ascertained as the necessity for doing so has not arisen.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know the percentage of alcohol in these wines?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commisssoner of Excise)*: That has not been ascertained.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Is there not a rule that gallonage fees may be charged for such wines which has got a certain amount of alcohol percentage in it?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: Yes. But gallonage fee is collected on the bulk.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: Will the Government be pleased to send these wines to some chemical analysis laboratory and find out whether it is below or above that standard?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: There are a set of special rules; the general rules will not apply to it.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: According to the Government in answer to (*c*), there is an increase in the gallonage fees every year. Why was it due to?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: Because more licenses are issued now for manufacture in the State. It is due to the difficulty to import more wine from foreign countries. And here it is also less costly to manufacture mass wine.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Did the Government make any enquiry into the matter, whether they are using that right for a legitimate purpose? We find an increase from 73 to 773 in the course of three years. Why?

Mr. M. Raman Menon *(Commissioner of Excise)*: Because larger number of licenses are issued as a result of difficulties to get wine from outside.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Sir, under Standing Order 12 the Chair may kindly allow me to put question No. 42, as I was not present at the time when the question was taken up. The Chair can use its discretion and say that the answer to the question be given.

Mr. President: Do you want an answer to that one only?

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Only that one.

Mr. President: Yes. You are allowed to ask the question.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know Sir, how long it has been since Government have been contemplating the undertaking of survey of the Willingdon Island?

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